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TO: All *School Division* providers participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program, Managed Care Organizations providing services to Virginia Medicaid recipients, and holders of the *School Division* manual

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SUBJECT: Termination of DMAS School-Based Services Coverage for Individualized Education Program Plan Meetings

The Health Care Financing Administration (now called the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services), in a review of DMAS' State Plan provisions regarding school-based services, informed DMAS that the Individualized Education Program (IEP) plan meetings could no longer be covered under Medicaid. Therefore, effective May 1, 2002, DMAS will no longer cover the IEP plan meetings under its school-based services coverage. DMAS has, for example, covered the time of a physical therapist to attend a meeting for the development of a child's IEP. The following codes have been used for billing the IEP meetings to DMAS; Z9563, Z9569, and Z9571; however, for the aforementioned reason, these services and codes will no longer be reimbursed by DMAS effective May 1, 2002.

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